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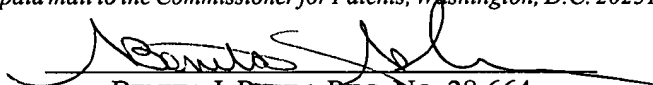
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
AND AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

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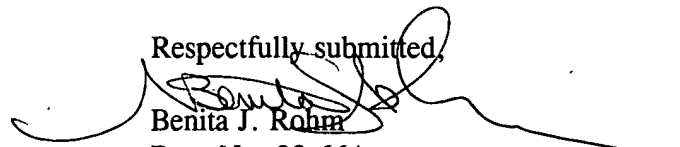
Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2002 for which a three-month period of response was set to expire on January 23, 2003. The extended period ends on Monday, March 24, 2003.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/20) is annexed hereto. As noted in the Continued Prosecution Application, the Commissioner is authorized to debit the amount of \$750, corresponding to the filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the amount of \$410 for a two-month extension of time for a large entity from Deposit Account 50-0720 in the name of Rohm & Monsanto, P.L.C. The total fees to be debited at this time equal \$1,160. Any additional fees required should be debited from, or overpayments credited to, the said account.

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